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Public Comment on Proposed Permit #WAS026611 (Naval Air Station-Whidbey Island Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System)

Received by Misha Vakoc, R10 Water Division, by Telephone; 4:32 pm
Monday, 10/28/2019; 13:04 minutes

Commenter: Mr. Garrett Newkirk – (b) (6)

The following is a paraphrased transcript of Mr. Newkirk's comments; MV attempted to take notes of his statements by hand during the call, (b) (6)

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"I am calling about the stormwater permit for Naval Air Station Whidbey Island that you have advertised. I demand that there be a public hearing, and that the permit be denied, it must be denied by November 14, the Navy cannot be allowed to discharge any longer, the discharges must cease, and the permit must be denied.

"They (the Navy) are willfully flaunting the law. They are discharging poison directly into our water, into our land and it must stop. They are discharging near salmon restoration area, and there is killer whales.

"The Navy claims that they won't stop, that they don't have to stop doing what they are doing for at least 10-20 years. This is unacceptable. They must stop contaminating the neighbors.

(When MV asked for clarification, who he has spoken with at the Navy, he replied):

"At the restoration advisory board meeting I spoke to Captain Army. And Kendra. PFAS contamination, it's now a Superfund. And they don't intend to do anything about it. The Base is willfully contaminating the citizens, this is affecting our livelihoods, the farmers, its affecting our property, its affecting the sale of property, (b) (6)

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"This ends now. You will deny the permit, and you will do it before 11/14. Make them hold the water, hold onto everything, store it in tanks, I don't care, they need to keep their contamination on their base.

(When MV stated that we are in public comment period, the process doesn't make that decision at this time, he said):

"Then it's clear that you at your level cannot do anything about the permit. I demand that your boss contact me by

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"They call it Clover Valley Creek, I don't know where they get that name. It's called the Slough, its been called the Slough since 1918, and it needs to be closed up. (b) (6)

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(When MV asked further about the legal action, who or what group he represents, Mr. Newkirk replied) You'll see the name of my lawyer when the lawsuit gets filed. ##